

NEW CLERK TELLS OF PORTO RICANS

Edward T. O'Melia, Native of Empire State, Glad to Be Back in U. S.

IS IN ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Ten Years Spent at San Juan Falls to Result in Strong Love for the Island.

"I certainly can say that I am pleased with this country and that I am glad to get up here," said Edward T. O'Melia, erstwhile of San Juan, Porto Rico, but who arrived yesterday in this city to take up his new duties as chief clerk in the lighthouse department of the United States Engineers' office in this city.

Mr. O'Melia, for ten years with the government in San Juan, and tanned a healthy looking brown, said that while Porto Rico had many attractions in the way of climate and scenery, a native born New Yorker would always welcome a chance to get back in the good old U. S. A.

San Juan, he said, "has its theatres, its ball games and its other amusements just the same as you have here. We have a fine new government building down there and the city has a population of 50,000, while the island has over a million, 2,000 of which are natives of this country. There are some few Germans, French, Spanish and English on the island, too.

"Where are you going to reside in this city," questioned The Argus reporter.

Have New "Y" There.

"Over at the Y. M. C. A.," and when the reporter expressed surprise on learning that there was a "Y" in San Juan, Mr. O'Melia said: "Oh, yes, they have a handsome structure down there. It has been recently completed and is considered as fine as any in America. I have not been over the entire building here, and of course do not know of the equipment of the local Y, but as far as I can see the one down there compares favorably with that here.

The natives tell about every inch of the land down there. The island is about 90 miles long and 35 miles wide and sugar, tobacco and coffee are the principal products raised. It is not a manufacturing country.

"But they tell the mountain sides, some places where the sides are almost perpendicular. There is little timber land on the island.

"The people down there are wild about politics. They have two parties, republican and union. They have mayors in their cities and elect other city officers.

"English is spoken considerably here and is taught in the schools.

ALICE JOYCE IN NEW \$3,000 GOWN



All women who like to keep in touch with the new styles will be interested in this picture of Alice Joyce, the movie star. She is shown wearing a \$3,000 gown furnished by Lady Duff Gordon and used in a recent production. In addition, Miss Joyce is wearing \$1,000,000 worth of jewelry used in the same production, which was supplied by a firm of New York jewelers.

The native Porto Rican is not as savage as is supposed to be. They have a university and education is well supported.

"But while it was all very nice down there and the mercury rarely ascends above 90 or descends below 70, still at the same time I believe that I can safely say that I welcome the change."

Startled Him.

"I was outspoken in my sentiments at the club this afternoon," said Mrs. Garrulous to her husband the other evening.

With a look of astonishment he replied: "I can't believe it, my dear. Who outspoke you?"—National Monthly.

CONVICT'S DOLLAR FOR SANTA'S SHIP

Prisoner at Joliet Sets Example for Those Who Can Give Toward It.

ONE WRITER IN COMPLAINT

Declares Those Who Can Best Afford to Aid Cause Never Respond to Such Appeals.

The envelope was big and official-looking. In the upper left hand corner was printed in small letters the words, "Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill."

Inside there was a pencil-written letter and a one-dollar bill. The letter read as follows:

"Inclosed please find one dollar and an abundance of Good Will toward the Christmas ship fund." It was signed "Thomas J. Bent, Convict No. 1955."

The item above came from this morning's Chicago Herald and is a part of the log of the Christmas ship that the Herald prints each day. The newspaper asks its public in a preamble to the letter, "Do you feel that you cannot contribute to the cargo of the Christmas ship?"

Surely never were the lines, "Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage," more typically true. Here is Convict No. 1955 planning his Christmas visit to Europe on a dollar bill. Bon voyage! How narrow and cramped in comparison is the miserly hoarder of dollars who dares not be master of his soul to the extent of a gift of one of them.

Writer is Bitter.

The Argus has received some letters in reply to inquiries and yesterday received one that had a bitter tone throughout and it is hoped that the act of the Joliet man will bring the dew of solace. The correspondent said:

"Those that could best afford to send the Christmas ship will be the hardest to reach for their valuable time doing nothing must not be infringed upon in such a simple matter. Has it occurred to you that about 40 percent of the people don't think, don't work, their idea of life one long social? Today the newspapers are appealing to them to devote a few hours for the betterment of humanity, but the newspapers will get the cold stare and the marble heart. If I should go begging for this cause I would go to the workman's home, where sorrows and hardships enter more frequently than they should. You will find girls working for less than a dollar a day, who know what it is to want a gift along about Christmas or a stomachful of goodies, and you will get something from them, if not much. In the homes of aristocrats there are countless golden hours wasted, but it is the honest men and women and children of the middle class that will come to the front and the ship will be a success."

All of which is quite true, but it is rather with a feeling of pride that the newspapers of America may refer the Christmas ship to the great middle class. The children of this land are going to get acquainted with the children of Europe and through their gifts shall receive a greater gift—the gift of understanding one another.

Give Day's Receipts.

Il Movimento, an Italian daily newspaper is carrying the message of the Christmas ship to 100,000 Italians. A little boy, Samuel Gundling, simply swiped his father's movie house and has laid it at the call of the Christmas ship for a day's receipts and he also wants a slide of the ship to be run each day.

Oscar W. Brecher has an idea for the sale of stamps similar to the Red Cross bearing the slogan, "Let there be peace, and to be put on sale soon so as not to interfere with the Red Cross work. Likely this good idea will be put in execution. Letters to Europe carrying such a stamp, if permitted, would call attention to the attitude of America with regard to war. Each day brings new method to make of the Christmas ship's star of hope a beacon light unto the ages to come. Let each give his mite or more and don't forget the worthy example of Convict No. 1955, Joliet.

Boys Preparing for Open House

Hundreds Are to Visit Y. M. C. A. as Guests of This Department.

Twenty-five boys have been working today at the Y. M. C. A. decorating for the open house for boys tonight. They are all ready for the hundreds of boys who will flock to the association this evening. Guides have been provided to explain the new senior boys' department, work upon which is well under way. The boys' department resembles a huge hive of bees, so busy are the members arranging their club meetings, bible classes, gymnasium groups, and getting settled for the winter's work.

Two of the bible groups will soon start their activities, the high school bible class which meets each Wednesday noon at luncheon, and the Horse Shoe bible class, composed of boys who carry newspapers, and work after school. This class starts its sessions Thursday evening, Sept. 24. The high school class holds its first session Wednesday, Sept. 30.

All the news all the time — The Argus.

Our Fall Skirts Are the Most Interesting Values of the Season \$5 and \$7.50

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Successful Millinery Opening

FROM the time of opening of this store yesterday morning our Millinery section has been crowded with women eager to see and buy the new hats. Judging from the sales we made and from the pleased expressions and the looks of those who came merely to see, there was no disappointment.

One very notable thing about our customers this Fall
—A Large Majority of the Hats Bought This Season
Are **STYLE EXTREME** and **EXCLUSIVE MODELS**

The indications are that this will be a season of splendid and gorgeous displays. A great deal of interest is being taken in our splendid copies of models imported from abroad. You know there are very few imported hats in America this fall and only a limited number of authentic copies. We are very fortunate in having twenty-five exact copies of just about the last Paris creations that came before the European war begun.

Tailored and Street Hats
\$1.98 to \$10

In these medium priced hats we have unlimited numbers. They are all fashionable and beautiful models.

Dress and Evening Hats
\$5 to \$25

In these hats we excel any millinery store in Moline. They're as varied in styles as they are in number.



Saturday We Offer a New Lot of Elegant Fall Suits at \$18.75



WE have made unusual efforts to supply during opening week extreme values in Fall Suits at \$18.75, and we believe you will agree with us that we have met with unbounded success.

The Suits that we have assembled to sell at this popular price are the embodiment of style and quality. The majority are reproductions of models costing many times the price, and the most important feature is that they are made up of excellent materials and well tailored and trimmed. You may choose from fine broadcloth suits, serges, chevots, gaberdines, etc., in black and all of the prevailing Fall shades—made up in the fashionable long coat styles, Redingote and stunning short coat modes—and there is a model and size for every woman and miss.

We are showing a great many new models in Fall Suits at \$14.75, \$24.75, \$27.50, \$32.50 and up.

Two Remarkable Groups of the NEW FALL COATS for Motor and Street Wear

WE have never concentrated in two groups before such a remarkable assortment of styles, materials and colors as we will show Saturday. Included are fur trimmed coats—coats of plush and fur fabrics—coats of rough and semi-rough materials—broadcloth coats and exclusive models in the new plaids. All are beautifully lined and superbly tailored. Positively the best coats in Moline at \$12.98 and \$14.75.

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Charming Dresses for Street & General Wear

OUR collection of popular priced Dresses has been greatly augmented for the opening week, and includes a number of exceedingly clever new styles. The basque styles are not quite as extreme and the many modifications are of splendid looking. There are other styles that are most becoming and absolutely authentic—modest, splendid satins, crepe de chine, charmuse, serges and combinations of serges and satins—big varieties and values at

\$24.75, \$19.75, \$14.75, \$12.50 and \$7.98



DEATH IS SUDDEN FOR AGED WOMAN

Mrs. Ellen Woodruff, 81 Years Old, Succumbs to Hemorrhage.

LIVED HERE BUT 3 YEARS

Coroner Holds an Inquest, but it is Found Hardening of Arteries Was the Cause.

Mrs. Ellen L. Woodruff, 81 years of age, died suddenly at 7 o'clock last evening at the home of her son, D. C. Woodruff, 1530 Sixth avenue. Hemorrhage of the lungs due to hardening of the arteries is given as the cause of her demise. Although she had been failing for several years, her condition was not serious and death was entirely unexpected. A physician was called immediately but she expired before he arrived.

Mrs. Woodruff was born in the state of Vermont, July 7, 1833. Her maiden name was Ellen Preston and she was united in marriage in 1850 to E. Woodruff in Wyoming county, New York. Shortly after the marriage the couple moved to Mt. Pleasant, Mich., where Mrs. Woodruff lived for over 50 years. Her husband preceded her in death five years ago. Three years ago she

came to this city to make her home with her son and had lived here since.

Three Sons Survive.

She is survived by three sons, D. C. Woodruff of Rock Island, V. L. Woodruff of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., and R. I. Woodruff of Morrison, Ill.

The remains will be sent to Mt. Pleasant, Mich., for burial.

An inquest was conducted at 11 o'clock this morning at the home by Coroner R. C. J. Meyer. The jury returned a verdict of death due to natural causes.

The Cupboard Was Bare.

The late Dr. Masters, who was formerly a missionary in Canton, China, afterward lived in Berkeley, Cal. His friend and fellow missionary, Dr. Boone, returning on furlough, was expected to arrive in San Francisco on a certain day. Dr. Masters crossed the bay to the city; he meant to meet Dr. Boone and his party, and, after spending the day in sightseeing, to take them to dinner at a well known restaurant.

The steamer, however, had reached port earlier than had been expected, and when Dr. Masters got to the dock, his friends had left. He made inquiries at the principal hotels, but could not find them. In order to notify his family in Berkeley of the necessary change in plans, Dr. Masters sent them a telegram. Here is the somewhat damaged message that Mrs. Masters finally read:

"Can't find the boxes. Will come home to dinner."—Youth's Companion.

Cured His Obesity. Peter the Great was once traveling incognito in a part of Finland when he

met a very fat man, who told him that he was going to St. Petersburg.

"What for?" asked the czar.

"To consult a doctor about being so fat, which has become very oppressive."

"Do you know any doctor there?"

"No."

"Then I will give you a line to my friend, Prince Menschikoff, and he will introduce you to one of the emperor's physicians."

The traveler went to the prince's house with a note. The answer was not delayed. The next day, tied hands and feet, the poor man was dragged off on a cart to the mines.

Two years after Peter the Great was

visiting the mines. He had forgotten the incident of the fat man, when suddenly a miner threw down his pick, rushed up to him and fell at his feet, crying:

"Grace, grace, what is it I have done?"

Peter looked at him, astonished, until he remembered the story.

"Oh, so that is you!" he said. "I hope you are pleased with me. Stand up. How thin and slight you have become! Go, and remember that work is the best cure for your complaint!"

It requires greater virtues to bear good fortune than bad.—Le Rochefoucauld.

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| 50c French Rice Powder | 36c |
| 50c Dr. Charles' Flesh Food | 27c |
| 50c Dr. Berry's Freckle Ointment | 31c |
| 50c Nadinola Cream | 39c |
| 50c Savoy Shampoo | 27c |
| 25c Face Powders (assorted) | 11c |
| 25c Talcum and Bath Powders | 11c |
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| 1 Pint Pure Glycerine | 39c |
| 6 Ounces U. S. P. Spirits of Camphor | 19c |
| 6 Ounces Essence Jamaica Ginger | 22c |
| 100 Alphabet Pills | 42c |
| 100 Dr. Hinkle's Pills | 27c |
| 100 5 Grain Aspirin Tablets | 92c |
| 100 Phenolax Tablets | 35c |
| 3 Dozen 2 Grain Asafoditta Pills | 23c |
| 100 Pair Sedlitz Powders | 15c |
| 1/2 Pound Boric Acid Powder | 8c |
| Best Grade Senna Leaves, 3 Ounces | 10c |
| 1 Pound Peroxide of Hydrogen (Medicinal) | 29c |

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